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reappearance of the disease among the natives and Chinese is to be expected in the early spring.

Respectfully,
 J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., December 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that no cases of plague or small-pox have occurred since my last report, the city remaining free from both diseases for the week ended December 8, 1900. During this period there were 195 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully,
 J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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Maritime quarantine for November, 1900, at Manila, Iloilo, and Cebu.

MANILA, P. I., December 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of quarantine transactions for the month of November, 1900, as follows:

Manila.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports.....	37
To domestic ports.....	177
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	48
From domestic ports.....	148
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	1,000
Steerage.....	8,223
Total number crew inspected.....	7,285
Total number persons quarantined for observation.....	10
Vessels held for disinfection of steerage baggage.....	2
Number pieces baggage disinfected and so labeled.....	759
Number pieces baggage inspected and passed and labeled.....	903

Iloilo.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports.....	0
To domestic ports.....	50
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	1
From domestic ports.....	51
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	164
Steerage.....	2,573
Number of crew inspected.....	1,723

Cebu.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports.....	3
To domestic ports.....	127
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports.....	0
From domestic ports.....	170

Cebu—Continued.

Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	120
Steerage.....	1,104
Number of crew inspected.....	2,769

Respectfully,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Concerning the cholera at Singapore.

MANILA, P. I., December 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report concerning the increase of cholera in Singapore as follows:

It is reported that the outbreak of cholera occurred among coolies employed at the island of Pulo Brant; these becoming frightened, dispersed to Singapore, thereby forming four or five centers of infection.

The outbreak occurred about November 1, 1900, and 56 cases, 36 deaths had occurred to the 21st of that month.

I have had a conference with the local agents of the steamships sailing from that port to Manila, and have instructed them to notify their agents in Singapore that the articles prohibited by regulations (a list being furnished to each) must not be received as cargo for Philippine ports during the prevalence of cholera; also that no steerage passengers must be brought, and that the crews must not be allowed on shore in that port.

The United States consul has also been advised of this matter, and that the regulations of this port require enforcement of the United States quarantine laws and regulations relative to ships sailing from cholera-infected places.

I have also written to the United States consul requesting information concerning the means for and the practicability of disinfection at Singapore.

For your information I will respectfully state that few passengers come from Singapore, and the steerage class very rarely. Most of the cargo is that from Europe transshipped at Singapore, and a study of the manifests of a number of ships shows that about the only articles of merchandise affected by the order will be dried fish and old gunny. On the ship which arrived yesterday I held 540 packages of the latter, which I have prohibited being landed in the Philippines.

I think the different steamship companies will observe my instructions fully, as they see the necessity for the action taken, and are not disposed to take any chances of having their ships quarantined.

Respectfully,

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